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Sir:

The Office Action of December 3, 2003, has a shortened statutory time set to expire on March 3, 2004. A one-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.136(a).

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